



# Montana Wing Observer



## Everyday Heroes!

A heroic moment in Montana Wing CAP history! State Director Joe Macklin, CAP-USAF, and Jim Munch of Falls Communications, Inc., Great Falls, in a crucial moment of the recent repeater installation on Mt. Baldy near Great Falls. Also in the crew were Captains Fred Sweet, Don Lilienthal, and Tom Burton, all of Skyhawks Senior Squadron MT042, Great Falls, MT.

Fred Sweet photo.

## Welcome to e-News

We hope you enjoy this first edition of Montana Wing Civil Air Patrol e-News. Look here for newsbriefs and updates from around the Wing. e-News is not intended to be a substitute for Wingspan magazine, which will continue to come to you three times a year. Wingspan will bring you more in-depth articles and features. Many e-News stories will later be covered in more detail in Wingspan. Here, look for news flashes and photos, photos. This is the place to share a photo with the entire Wing. It is not necessary to have an article to go with it; please include caption information such as who is in the photo, what is happening, and where. We welcome and need your contributions, and you will be credited in the story or caption.



## 1ST LT. SHELLY JOHNSON ASSUMES COMMAND OF LEWIS & CLARK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

HELENA Outgoing commander Capt. Karen Semple relinquished command (above), and 1st Lt. Shelly Johnson of Helena assumed command in a ceremony presided over by Wing Commander Col. Jan Van Hoven on Oct. 27. Reflecting on her years of command, Capt. Semple spoke of the role the squadron has played in the community. "Strive for excellence in all you do," she encouraged the squadron, verbalizing a value she has always exemplified. A cake honoring Capt. Semple's contributions was the centerpiece at the reception that followed.



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## 1ST LT. RICKY ROBBINS IS NEW BUTTE COMPOSITE COMMANDER

BUTTE Montana Wing Commander Col Jan Van Hoven officiated at a change of command ceremony Oct. 25 as 1st Lt. Ricky Robbins (left) succeeded Capt. Michael Harrison (right) as Squadron Commander.



Capt. Michael Harrison relinquishes command at Butte Composite ceremony